## PLANNING COMMISSION CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT SITE PLAN REVIEW SHEET



**CASE NUMBER:** 

SPC-2013-0179D

**PLANNING COMMISSION DATE:** 

December 10, 2013

**PROJECT NAME:** 

2<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge and Extension/Shoal Creek to West Avenue

**ADDRESS:** 

615 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

**WATERSHEDS:** 

Town Lake and Shoal Creek (Urban)

AREA:

5.30 acres; 3.3 acres (limits of construction)

**EXISTING ZONING:** 

P, Public

**APPLICANT:** 

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### **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

The proposed project consists of the expansion and improvement of the right of way for West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, from West Avenue to the end of a new proposed vehicular and pedestrian bridge across Shoal Creek. Improvements to W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street include Great Street improvements in front of the new Central Library and Austin Energy Substation, creating a festival street for this section of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. In addition, the Shoal Creek stream bank will be restored and stabilized, including the removal of abandoned infrastructure. The project also includes improvements to the Shoal Creek hike and bike trail and the Lance Armstrong bikeway.

The gross site area is 5.30 acres; however the limits of construction are 3.3 acres.

The project improvements for West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Shoal Creek are over an acre and a portion of the site is zoned P, public, which requires Planning Commission approval of the conditional use site plan. [LDC Section 25-2-625(D)(2)].

### **STAFF RECOMMNEDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the conditional use site plan, because it meets all code requirements. There are no waivers being requested. The project has received a favorable recommendation from the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board.

In addition, staff recommends approval of the improvements due to the environmental benefits such as the stabilization of the stream bank, as well as the transit connectivity benefit, by connecting West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from West Avenue to Nueces Street.

### **SUMMARY COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN:**

The site is located in the Waterfront Overlay, North Shore Central Subdistrict. A portion of the proposed improvements are within the primary setback of the waterfront overlay, however the improvements are permitted within the setback. Park facilities and trails are permitted within the primary setback if the impervious cover does not exceed 15%. The project complies with this section by constructing only 9% impervious cover within the primary setback. No buildings are proposed with this project. In addition a large part of the project is within City of Austin parkland, which permits the improvements in the primary setback.

No variances from the Waterfront Overlay section of the code are being requested.

The project is proposed in conjunction with several surrounding developments which are identified as the Seaholm District, including the Seaholm Redevelopment to the west, the New Central Library to the south and east and the redevelopment of the Green Water Treatment Plant on the east side of Shoal Creek. All projects, including the downtown community and hike and bike trail users will benefit from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street expansion and stream bank restoration.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN:** Downtown Plan

### **BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTIONS:**

Downtown Commission – August 27, 2012 (Briefing only)
Parks Board – January 22, 2013 Recommended approval (7-0)
Waterfront Planning Advisory Board – September 9, 2013; Recommended approval (5-0)
Design Commission – September 23, 2013; Recommended approval (4-0)
Planning Commission – December 10, 2013

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### **SURROUNDING CONDITIONS:**

Zoning/ Land Use

West: ROW & DMU / West Avenue and Seaholm Redevelopment

North: P, Public/ Seaholm electric Substation

East: Parkland, Shoal Creek & CBD/ creek, vacant land, and redevelopment of Green

Water Treatment Plant

South: P, Public/ New Central Library

### PROJECT INFORMATION

GROSS SITE AREA	5.30acres		
EXISTING ZONING	P, Public and parkland		
WATERSHED	Town Lake and Shoal Creek		
WATERSHED ORDINANCE			
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	A TIA was conducted for the Seaholm District which		
	outlines recommendations for the entire area.		
CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR	None		
PROPOSED ACCESS	West Avenue, W. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Nueces and pedestrian access		
	to Cesar Chavez and W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street		

### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation is included to provide staff position on each point of the conditional use permit criteria. Section 25-5-145 of the Land Development Code states: "The Commission shall determine whether the proposed development or use of a conditional use site plan complies with the requirements of this section.

A conditional use site plan must:

- 1. Comply with the requirements of this title; Staff response: This application complies with the requirements of this title.
- 2. Comply with the objectives and purposes of the zoning district; Staff response: This application complies with the objectives and purposes of the P, public zoning district, as it will be used for public purpose and maintained by the City of Austin.
- 3. Have building height, bulk, scale, setback, open space, landscaping, drainage, access, traffic circulation, and use that are compatible with the use of an abutting site; Staff response: This application is compatible with the abutting sites and will enhance the surrounding developments and hike and bike trail.
- 4. Provide adequate and convenient off-street parking and loading facilities; Staff response: Parking is not required for right of way construction creek restoration and

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stabilization, however public parking will be provided in the New Central Library and the Seaholm Redevelopment.

5. Reasonably protect persons and property from erosion, flood, fire, noises, glare, and similar adverse effects; Staff response: The proposed improvements will greatly reduce and restore the erosion that is currently occurring on the creek site.

### A Conditional Use Site Plan May Not:

- 1. More adversely affect an adjoining site than would a permitted use; Staff response: The site plan will conform to all regulations and standards established by the Land Development Code. This proposed site plan does not more adversely affect an adjoining site. A conditional use permit is required because development is over an acre and within the P zoning district.
- 2. Adversely affect the safety or convenience of vehicular or pedestrian circulation, including reasonably anticipated traffic and uses in the area; Staff response: The project is to allow better connection to the surrounding developments and downtown streets. Providing pedestrian access through wider sidewalks and improved trail connections.
- 3. Adversely affects an adjacent property or traffic control through the location, lighting, or type of signs; Staff response: No signage or lighting is proposed that would affect adjacent properties or traffic control.

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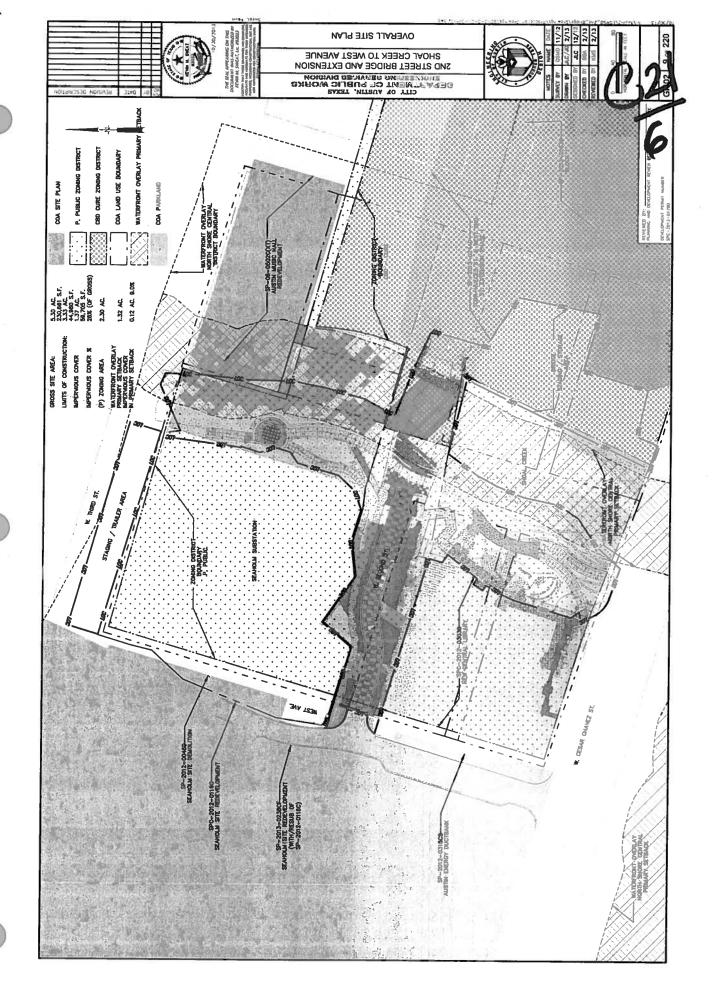
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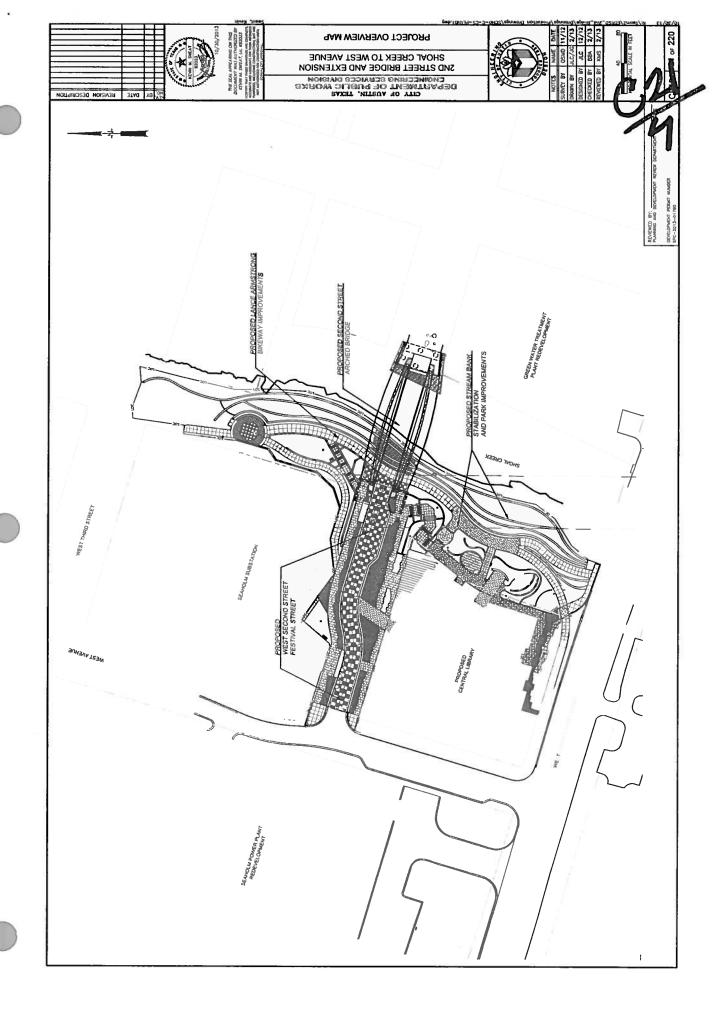
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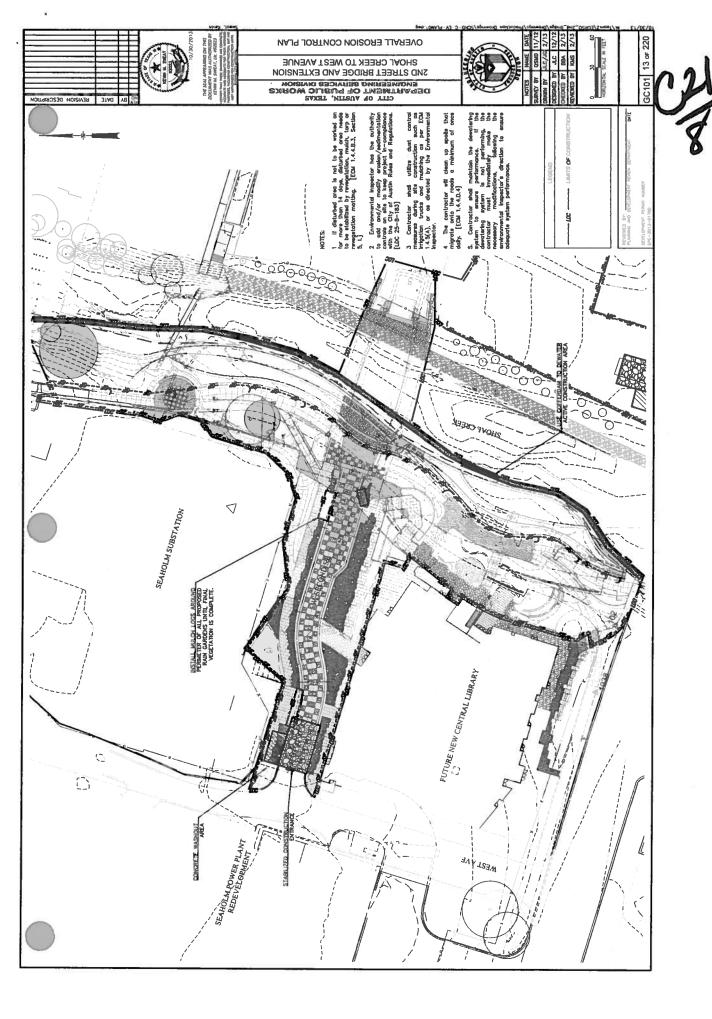


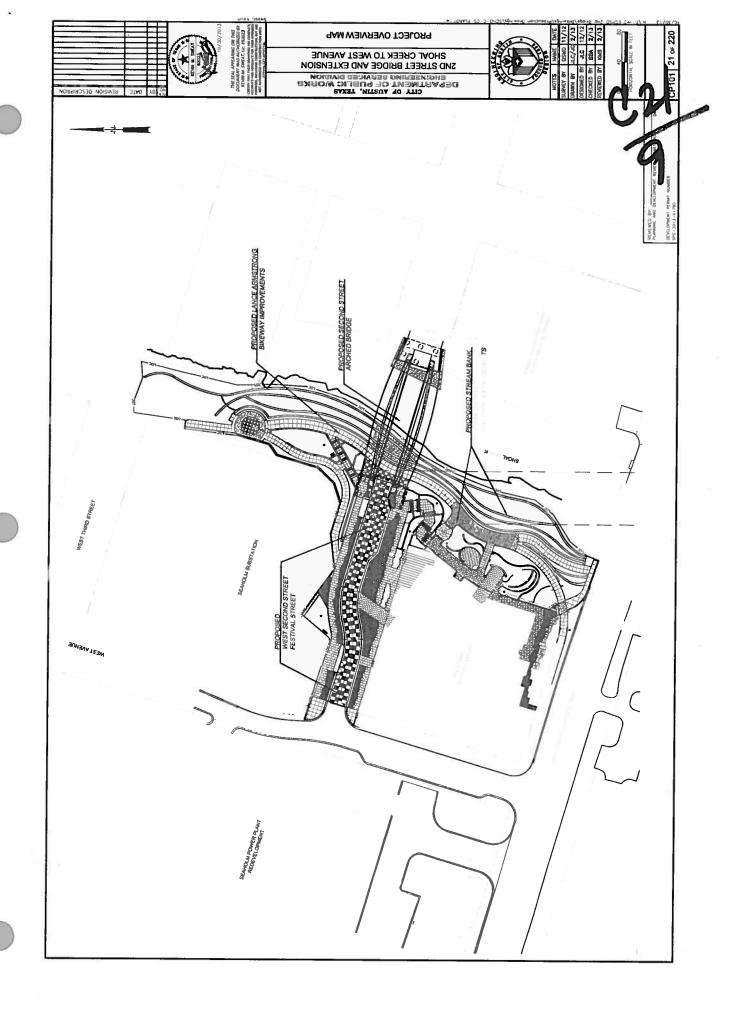
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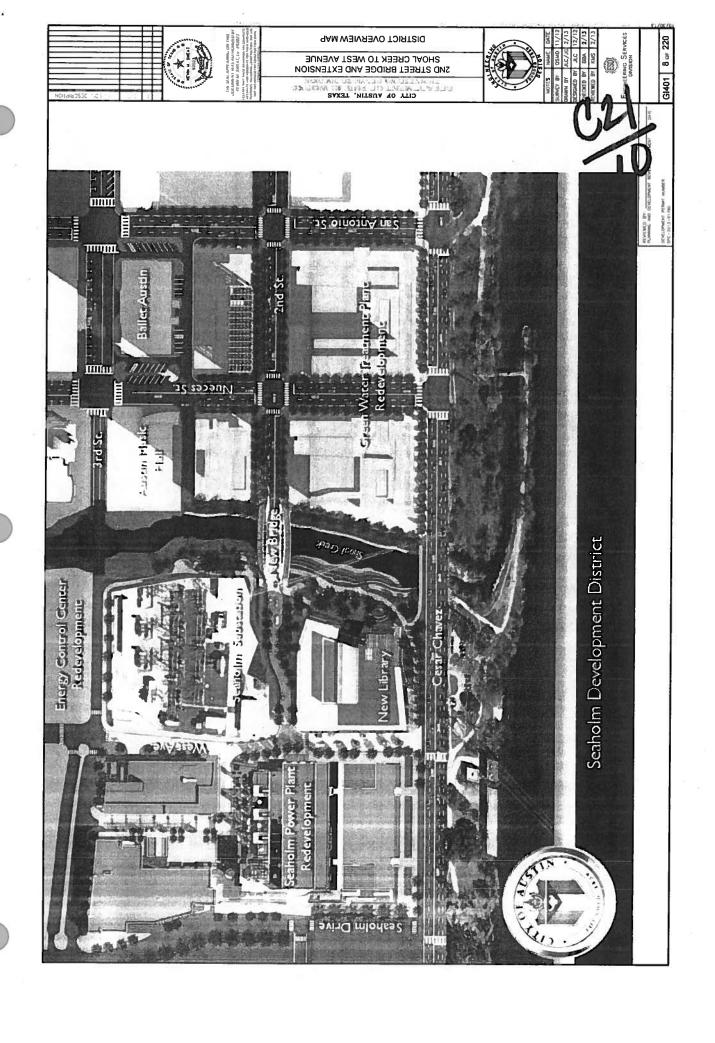
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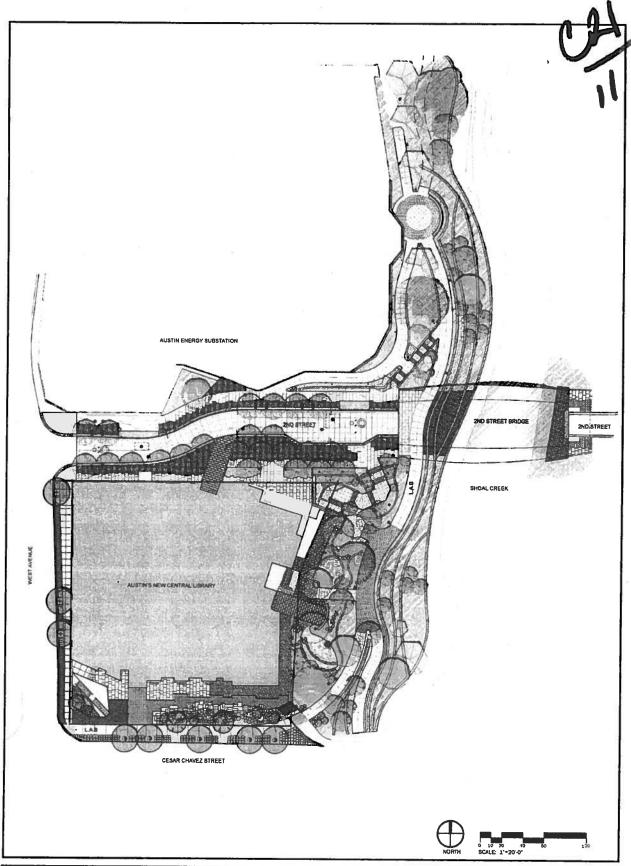










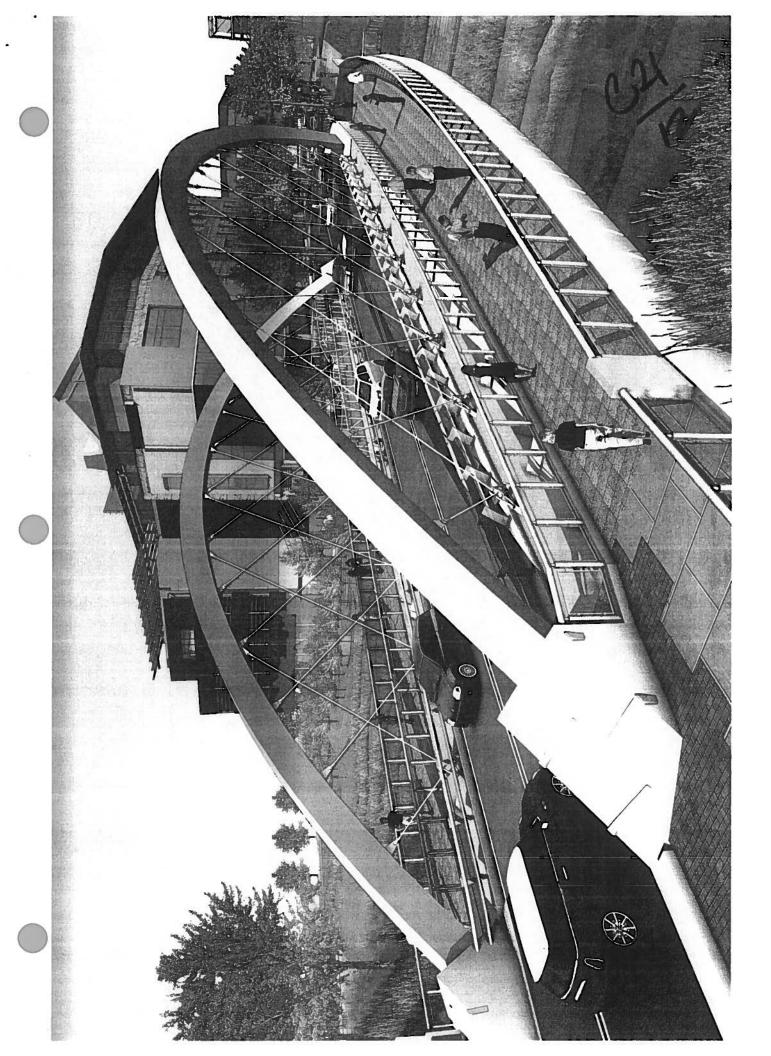


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hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal whether a person has standing to appeal the decision. A zoning ordinance amendment may include a conditional overlay which would include conditions, approved by the Land Use Commission or the City Council. If final approval is by a City Council's action, there is no appeal of the Land Use Commission's action. An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- · delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (it may be delivered to the contact listed on a notice); or
  - appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing;
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
  - is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an ehvironmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

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